



Diary Dates

Please look at the school website for all upcoming dates.

February 6th—10th
Whole School Theme
week Aspirations

Internet Safety week

7th February Y6
Grandparents Lunch
Key Steps 1
Gymnastics

8th February
Key Steps 2
Gymnastics

9th February Y4
Djembe performance
to parents 11:15

9th Feb. E safety talk
to Y2 parents 2:40
Key Steps 3
Gymnastics

Friday 10th school
closes for half term.

Monday 20th school
reopens
27th Feb—Book Week
Visit from Dogs Trust

28th Y4 Collaborative
Day

Welcome Back

How quickly time goes by, all of the excitement of Christmas seems so long ago. The new year in school has started well with lots of things going on to inspire and motivate the children. Fortunately the snowfall we experienced was brief and didn't cause any disruption.

Visit From PCSO Mark Ball

On Monday 23rd January our local PCSO Mark Ball visited school and did a presentation to the children in assembly about respecting other people's property. His presentation covered the importance of recognising that you should not go in to other children's drawers or bags to take anything. Mark is a friendly face in school and we know that he does a good job in supporting our children as they grow in to the citizens of the future.

Website Update

There have been some issues regarding accessing the website on mobile devices. I have contacted the provider and he assures me the issues have been fixed and the calendar and download facility should now work properly. Please let the office know if you continue to have difficulty viewing the website on your phone or tablet. All of the known events up until July are on the website.

Grandparents for Lunch

These events are proving popular—it is great to welcome grandparents in for a tasty school lunch. The children really enjoy sharing their experience and we have received some very positive feedback from the visitors.





NUT FREE School

Please can we remind you that we are a nut free school. Children should not be bringing anything in to school that may contain any type of nut. Anything that is brought in will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day. This includes Nutella products.



Bad Weather

Just a reminder that in the event of snow, notification of school closure will be sent firstly by Twitter and an announcement on Radio Leicester. There will be an update on the website. It may not be possible to text so please make sure you can access these other methods. **Please DO NOT ring the school.** If you see or hear the announcement please feel free to share it.



Year 5 Viking Visit

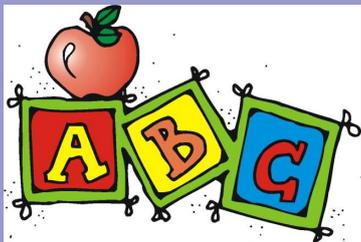
The sound of a Norse horn was heard throughout the school on Friday, as Year 5 had a visit from Gregolf the Viking, who introduced the children to aspects of Viking life and society.

The children took part in three sessions. In 'Raiders' they got to handle Viking weapons and shields, re-enacting warfare movements and tactics: During 'Toys and Games' the children

learned how to play the Viking playtimes of Nine Men's Morris, a three-in-a-row game of skill and strategy and Kubb, (similar to skittles). Lastly, in 'Traders' they also got to spend Danegeld (Viking coins) and they got to touch and explore different replica objects, such as lanterns, clothing, bone combs and hunting horns. Much fun was had by all, as the children gained a valuable insight into Norse life, circa 1013AD.

Year 6 Parents' Banquet

On Wednesday 11th January Year 6 put their culinary skills to the test and planned, prepared and served a meal for their parents and carers. The meal reflected their recent topic 'Country to Coast,' as they offered a menu including Welsh Cawl, traditional English Apple Pie (with school grown apples) and Lamingtons. There was a brilliant turn out with over 40 parents and carers visiting to taste the delights. Thank you to all who came to help the children celebrate the end of a great topic.



Penguin Pre-School

Are you looking for childcare for your 2-4 year olds? Our penguin pre-school are now taking provisional bookings for the Autumn term. If you are interested please contact the pre-school manager Sally-Ann Price using the school number: 01530 832116.

Please get in touch as soon as possible as places book up very quickly.

Dinner Money

The cost of a hot dinner is £2.20 a day or £11 weekly. Please order meals and send money in a named envelope on Mondays.

Basketball

On Tuesday 24th January, three teams of Year 5/6 children competed in the NWLSSP Level 2 Basketball competition. All 3 teams played extremely well, with teams 1&2 picking up a number of wins. The children showed excellent sportsmanship throughout and represented the school fantastically. Thank you to all the parents for your support.

Bronze Ambassadors

On Wednesday 11th January four of our Year 5 and 6 children accompanied by Mrs Worth, our Playground Leader, took part in the Bronze Ambassadors training at Measham Leisure Centre. The training and scheme are run by the North West Leicestershire School Sport Partnership.

The children enjoyed learning new playground games which they will share with our Playground Pals and they have begun the process of planning a sporting event in school. Their first meeting is planned for this half-term and we look forward to seeing what event they organise in the second half of the Spring Term. Thank you to Mrs Worth and our four Bronze Ambassadors: Emily, Skye, Jack and Emily.



Twitter

Please follow us on twitter:
@WhitwickPrimary



Zig Zags
Please be aware that parking on the zig zags outside of the school could result in a penalty notice if seen by a parking enforcement officer. This applies to dropping off.

Year 2 Healthy Roadshow

On Monday 30th January Year 2 experienced a Health Roadshow delivered by North West Leicestershire School Sport Partnership. The Roadshow was an active session, where key healthy eating messages were delivered through physical activity and fun games. The children had a great time working together as they learned all about how to make healthy choices.



School Nurse

It is possible to contact the School Nurse directly on the following number:

01530 468570

PROTECTING CHILDREN IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS

At Whitwick St John the Baptist CE Primary School we know it is of the utmost importance to have good systems for protecting children and safeguarding their welfare.

All our staff and volunteers are alert to possible concerns about every pupil. We have a safeguarding and child protection policy and